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**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE MEMBER STATES OF THE
COMMISSION AT ITS THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION**

**659(XXXIV) ECLAC CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES
FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2014**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 419(PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on the rationalization of the institutional structure and the pattern of meetings of the system of the Commission, in which it decided that, at each of the Commission's regular sessions, the complete calendar of conferences and meetings planned up to the next regular session should be considered,

Taking into account resolution 489(PLEN.19) on the Commission's intergovernmental structure and functions, in which it was recommended that the current institutional structure should be maintained,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 40/243 on the pattern of conferences and the provision concerning the principle of rotation of the venue for the sessions of the Commission as laid down in rule 2 of its rules of procedure and reiterated in its resolution 480(XXI),

Taking into account resolution 553(XXVI) on the reform of the United Nations and its impact on the Commission, in which it was recommended that the current pattern of conferences of the Commission's system should continue to serve as a basis for maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of its work,

Bearing in mind the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean that establish and govern the periodicity of the meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Having examined the proposed calendar of the Commission's intergovernmental conferences for 2012-2014 as set forth in annex 6 of the relevant document,¹

Considering the objectives and priorities established in the subprogrammes of the work programme approved by the member States at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission,

1. *Reaffirms* the decision to maintain the current intergovernmental structure and the existing pattern of meetings and approves the calendar of conferences of the Commission as it appears in the annex to this resolution, along with the observations and suggestions included in the report of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission;

2. *Reaffirms also* that the Commission's current conference servicing system has been found to be efficient, both in terms of its substantive and organizational aspects and in terms of its cost-effectiveness, and recommends that these tasks continue to be the responsibility of the Executive Secretary with a view to an ongoing and sustained improvement in those services;

¹ Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2012-2014. Note by the secretariat (LC/G.2527(SES.34/6)).

3. *Reaffirms further* the importance of continuing to entrust the Commission with the task of organizing and holding regional and subregional meetings to prepare for and follow up on world conferences of the United Nations in the economic, social and sustainable development fields;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit to the relevant United Nations bodies such proposals as may be necessary to ensure implementation of the calendar of conferences as approved;

5. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of this resolution.

Annex

**ECLAC CALENDAR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES
FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2014**

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2012	Twentieth session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2012	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2012	Twenty-fourth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	Georgetown, 29-31 May	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2012	Third Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean	San José, 8-11 May	ECLAC resolutions 590(XXIX); 604(XXX); 616(XXXI); 644(XXXII); and 657(XXXIII)	ECLAC regular budget
2012	Eleventh meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	Quito, 2-4 July	ECLAC resolution 580(XXVIII) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2012	ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development	Quito, 4-6 July	Resolution 644(XXXII)	ECLAC regular budget
2012	Thirty-fourth session of ECLAC	San Salvador, 27-31 August	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2012	Forty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Panama, 3-4 May	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2013	Meeting of the Regional Council of Planning of ILPES	Brasilia, November	ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC and ILPES regular budget
2013	Twenty-seventh session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC	United Nations Headquarters, New York ^b	Economic and Social Council Resolution 106(VI) (para 3); ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	Regular budget
2013	Sixteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2013	Forty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2013	Twenty-second meeting of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget

Annex (concluded)

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2013	Twelfth Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Santo Domingo ^b	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2013	Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Resolution 602(XXX)	Regular budget
2013	Regional evaluation meeting on the Regional Plan of Action for the Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, eLAC 2015	Montevideo ^b	Resolution 610(XXX)	Extrabudgetary resources
2013	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2013	Seventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2013	Twelfth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	Chile, April	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2013	First Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	Montevideo, August	Agreement 1, Meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Quito, 6 July 2012)	ECLAC regular budget
2014	Twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI)	Regular budget of ILPES and ECLAC
2014	Twenty-second session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2014	Thirty-fifth session of ECLAC	Peru ^b	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2014	First meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Agreement 1, Meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Quito, 6 July 2012)	ECLAC regular budget

^a Place to be determined.

^b Date to be determined.

660(XXXIV) CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 358(XVI) of 1975 establishing the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee as a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to coordinate activities relating to development and cooperation in that subregion,

Recognizing the important role of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee as a forum in which the Governments of the subregion exchange information and share experiences with a view to addressing the economic, social and environmental challenges to achieving sustainable development,

Bearing in mind that, as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its twenty-fourth session in Georgetown on 31 May 2012, that the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its fifteenth meeting in Port of Spain on 12 September 2011, and that, on those occasions, they adopted a series of agreements and resolutions, which appear in their respective reports,²

Recalling that a Caribbean Development Roundtable, which brings together high-level experts and policymakers to consider key issues relating to development in the subregion, was first mandated by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee in March 2010,³

Recognizing the Caribbean Development Roundtable as a valuable forum for fostering strategic thinking and stimulating the consideration of policy options to address critical Caribbean development challenges, and as a mechanism to build bridges of partnership between Latin America and the Caribbean through dialogue and engagement,

Bearing in mind also that two meetings of the Caribbean Development Roundtable have been held, the first in Port of Spain on 13 September 2011 and the second in Georgetown on 31 May 2012,

1. *Takes note* of the resolutions adopted at the twenty-fourth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee and the recommendations formulated at the fifteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee;
2. *Welcomes* the biennial convening of the Caribbean Development Roundtable and calls upon development partners to work in collaboration with the members of the Commission in support of these meetings;

² *Draft Report of the twenty-fourth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee* (LC/CAR/L.383) and Report of the fifteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC (LC/CAR/L.334).

³ See resolution 73(XXIII), adopted by the Committee at its twenty-third session, held in St. George's, Grenada on 15 and 17 March 2010 (LC/CAR/L.257).

3. *Reaffirms* the key role that the Commission, particularly through its subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, is mandated to play in coordinating development support at the subregional level for the Caribbean, in collaboration with the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and through direct engagement with Caribbean development partners, including the Caribbean Community and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States;
4. *Welcomes*, in this regard, efforts by the subregional headquarters for the Caribbean to strengthen and fully operationalize the Regional Coordination Mechanism to monitor and facilitate implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
5. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to employ all measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of the resolutions adopted at the twenty-fourth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee and the recommendations of the fifteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee and of the Caribbean Development Roundtable.

661(XXXIV) PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind paragraph 15 of its terms of reference and rules 1 and 2 of its rules of procedure,

Considering the invitation of the Government of Peru to host the thirty-fifth session of the Commission,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Peru for its generous invitation;
2. *Accepts* this invitation with pleasure;
3. *Recommends* that the United Nations Economic and Social Council approve the decision to hold the thirty-fifth session of the Commission in Peru in the first semester of 2014.

**662(XXXIV) ADMISSION OF BERMUDA AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that paragraphs 3(a) and 4 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean state that “Any territory, or part or group thereof, may on presentation of its application to the Commission by the member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be eligible for admission by the Commission as an associate member of the Commission”,

Recognizing that Bermuda enjoys strong economic, cultural and social ties with the rest of the region and that it is committed to strengthening these links wherever possible,

Aware that associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean will contribute strongly towards achieving this goal,

Welcoming the request made by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the Governor of Bermuda that the latter be granted associate membership in the Commission,

Decides that Bermuda shall be granted associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean.

**663(XXXIV) ADMISSION OF CURAÇAO AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that paragraphs 3(a) and 4 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean state that “Any territory, or part or group thereof, may on presentation of its application to the Commission by the member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be eligible for admission by the Commission as an associate member of the Commission”,

Recognizing that Curaçao enjoys strong economic, cultural and social ties with the rest of the region and that it is committed to strengthening these links wherever possible,

Aware that associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean will contribute strongly towards achieving this goal,

Welcoming the request made by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Santiago on behalf of the Government of Curaçao that the latter be granted associate membership in the Commission,

Decides that Curaçao shall be granted associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean.

**664(XXXIV) ADMISSION OF GUADELOUPE AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that paragraphs 3(a) and 4 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean state that “Any territory, or part or group thereof, may on presentation of its application to the Commission by the member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be eligible for admission by the Commission as an associate member of the Commission”,

Recognizing that Guadeloupe enjoys strong economic, cultural and social ties with the rest of the region and that it is committed to strengthening these links wherever possible,

Aware that associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean will contribute strongly towards achieving this goal,

Welcoming the request made by the Government of France on behalf of the Regional Council of Guadeloupe that the latter be granted associate membership in the Commission,

Decides that Guadeloupe shall be granted associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean.

**665(XXXIV) ADMISSION OF MARTINIQUE AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that paragraphs 3(a) and 4 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean state that “Any territory, or part or group thereof, may on presentation of its application to the Commission by the member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be eligible for admission by the Commission as an associate member of the Commission”,

Recognizing that Martinique enjoys strong economic, cultural and social ties with the rest of the region and that it is committed to strengthening these links wherever possible,

Aware that associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean will contribute strongly towards achieving this goal,

Welcoming the request made by the Government of France on behalf of the Regional Council of Martinique that the latter be granted associate membership in the Commission,

Decides that Martinique shall be granted associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean.

666(XXXIV) SAN SALVADOR RESOLUTION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 553(XXVI), in which it affirmed that, in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Commission is especially well qualified to undertake the tasks entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106(VI), in the framework of a restructured United Nations, and that, therefore, ECLAC should function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies, together with operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination,

Bearing in mind the document *Time for equality: closing gaps, opening trails*,⁴ presented by the secretariat at the thirty-third session of the Commission,

Bearing in mind also that the draft programme of work of the Commission for the biennium 2014-2015, as presented by the Executive Secretary,⁵ concentrates on such priorities as increasing macroeconomic stability and enhancing policies aimed at reducing vulnerability and mitigating the effects of economic and financial crises; strengthening the region's access to financing for development and enhancing the financial architecture at the global, regional and domestic levels; increasing the region's productive potential and reducing productivity gaps to achieve convergence with particular emphasis on innovation and new technologies; improving the region's position in the international economy through trade, cooperation and regional integration; promoting a social covenant by improving social equality, reducing social risks and reinforcing gender mainstreaming in public policies; enhancing sustainable development policies, energy efficiency and addressing the impacts of climate change; improving institution-building for the management of global and transboundary issues and the provision of public goods at the regional level; and facilitating the support the Commission provides for the work of the regional cooperation and integration bodies,

Having reviewed the document *Structural Change for Equality: An Integrated Approach to Development*, prepared by the secretariat, and its summary,⁶

1. *Welcomes* the integrated approach to development that has marked the thinking of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean since its inception, as reflected in the document *Structural Change for Equality: An Integrated Approach to Development*;

2. *Recognizes* the relevance of the issues examined and supports the general tenor of the document's conclusions;

⁴ LC/G.2432(SES.33/3).

⁵ LC/G.2526(SES.34/5).

⁶ LC/G.2524(SES.34/3) and LC/G.2525(SES.34/5).

3. *Requests* the secretariat to conduct studies and formulate public policy proposals, in close cooperation with policymakers, with a view to building national economic and social development capacities;

4. *Calls upon* the secretariat Secretary to widely disseminate the document and promote its review in the economic, academic, political, business and social spheres in the region, by means of national dialogues on the main issues covered, taking each country's national characteristics into account, and in international organizations concerned with economic development, in order to continue to foster more in-depth comparative analysis vis-à-vis countries outside the region.

**667 (XXXIV) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 558(XXVI), in which it adopted the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/61 on the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits,

Bearing in mind the fact that the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean adopted the Brasilia Consensus⁷ at its eleventh session, held in Brasilia from 13 to 16 July 2010,

Bearing in mind also that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, has held four meetings of its Presiding Officers: the forty-fourth meeting, held in Brasilia, on 12 July 2010; the forty-fifth meeting, held in Santiago, on 6 and 7 December 2010; the forty-sixth meeting, held in Santiago, from 28 to 30 November 2011; and the forty-seventh meeting, held in Panama, on 3 and 4 May 2012,

Having in mind the agreements adopted at those meetings, which are reflected in the respective reports,⁸

Taking into account the work carried out by the Commission and the other agencies which support the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the considerable progress achieved in disseminating and redesigning the Observatory,

Taking note of the initiatives of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean with regard to mainstreaming the gender perspective, as shown in the work being carried out jointly by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management and the Division for Gender Affairs of the Commission in preparing the position paper for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in the second semester of 2013,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made since the adoption of the Brasilia Consensus at the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;

2. *Accepts* the proposal of the member countries to hold preparatory meetings for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean during the first half of 2013;

⁷ Report of the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3309).

⁸ Report of the forty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2473); Report of the forty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3310); Report of the forty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3461); and Report of the forty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3517).

3. *Welcomes* agreement 13 of the forty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers to promote South-South cooperation among machineries for the advancement of women in the Latin American and Caribbean countries, for the formulation of policies relating to care, comparative research, and the production, use and analysis of statistics;

4. *Commends* the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean on the organization of the high-level panel on empowerment of women and sustainable development, which took place in the framework of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20);

5. *Recognizes* the role played by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, through its Division for Gender Affairs, in raising the profile of gender affairs at the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Commission;

6. *Recommends* that the delegations participating in the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean bear in mind and promote the principle of gender parity in their composition;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance that national delegations also include, where appropriate, representatives of the production development sectors, agencies specializing in information and communications technologies, and representatives of civil society;

8. *Calls for* active participation in the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in Santo Domingo, from 14 to 18 October 2013.

**668(XXXIV) STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, whereby the Council approved the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as a subsidiary body of the Commission,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/6 on strengthening statistical capacity,

Bearing in mind also that the objectives of the Statistical Conference of the Americas include the preparation of a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the needs of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources,

Taking into account that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Statistical Conference of the Americas held its sixth meeting in Bávaro, Dominican Republic, from 16 to 8 November 2011, and on that occasion adopted the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2012-2013,⁹

Taking into account also that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas has held its tenth meeting, in Havana from 6 to 8 April 2011, and its eleventh meeting, in Quito from 2 to 4 July 2012,

Considering that, on those occasions, a number of agreements were adopted which are reflected in the respective reports,¹⁰

Appreciating the major challenges facing official statistics in the region in relation to the conduct of the 2010 round of population censuses, the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts, the generation of information for monitoring fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals, and the urgent and growing demand for statistical data and indicators in new areas, such as the environment, information and communications technologies, gender affairs and natural disasters,

Appreciating also the increasing importance of reliable, good-quality and timely public statistics and the growing need to provide these for the sake of transparency, accountability of the public authorities and the evaluation of public policy outcomes, which are key elements for enhancing democracy in the region,

Having reviewed the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2012-2013,¹¹ adopted at the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference,

⁹ Report of the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3452).

¹⁰ Report of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its tenth meeting (LC/L.3349); Draft report of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its eleventh meeting; Report of the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3452).

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and of the tenth and eleventh meetings of its Executive Committee;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the increasing consolidation of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as the intergovernmental body that coordinates international statistical activities in Latin America and the Caribbean and fosters the strengthening of national statistical offices and national statistical systems;

3. *Welcomes* the updating of the Strategic Plan 2005-2015 of the Conference adopted at its sixth meeting, which incorporates the new, most recent challenges to the production and dissemination of official statistics, thereby strengthening the use of statistics in the design and assessment of public policies;

4. *Calls again upon* the Governments of the region to acknowledge the challenges facing national statistical systems in relation to producing all information needed to ensure that public policies are designed and evaluated on the basis of relevant, timely and good-quality factual evidence, and to ensure accountability to citizens and to enable them to take informed decisions; and requests, therefore, that the necessary resources be made available and a suitable legal and institutional framework be consolidated, so that the public departments working on statistics may form an effective system and operate in a coordinated manner under the leadership of the central statistical office or institute;

5. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the adoption of the draft Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean and its proposed implementation plan, and urges the governments and parliaments of the countries to use the Code as a guide for adopting measures aimed at institutional strengthening of national statistical offices and the whole national statistical system, as the framework of ethical and professional conduct for the production and dissemination of official statistics;

6. *Requests* the Governments to engage with central statistical offices or institutes in the preparation of national reports produced in the framework of follow-up to summits, conferences and internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

7. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the inclusion in the activities of the Conference the analysis of new thematic areas and methodologies that enable better tracking of economic, social and environmental matters, as well as new approaches to poverty, the promotion of statistics on public security and justice and on childhood and adolescence, and measures which complement gross domestic product with other indicators that capture, among other aspects, environmental sustainability and unpaid work.

¹¹ Draft biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, 2012-2013 (LC/L.3390(CEA.6/17)).

**669(XXXIV) ACTIVITIES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN IN RELATION TO FOLLOW-UP TO THE MILLENNIUM
DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOMES
OF THE MAJOR UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS IN
THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,¹²

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 60/265, 61/16 and 64/184 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/44,

Recalling further the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, including the development goals and objectives set out therein, and recognizing the vital role played by those conferences and summits in shaping a broad development vision and in identifying commonly agreed objectives, which have contributed to improving human life in different parts of the world,

Emphasizing the need to fully implement the global partnership for development and enhance the momentum generated by the 2005 World Summit in order to operationalize and implement, at all levels, the commitments in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the 2005 World Summit, in the economic, social and related fields,

Bearing in mind that, in fulfilment of the mandate contained in resolution 654(XXXIII), the secretariat coordinated the preparation, in 2010 and the first half of 2012, of the regional inter-agency report entitled *Achieving the Millennium Development Goals with equality in Latin America and the Caribbean: Progress and challenges*¹³ and the regional inter-agency report *Sustainable Development 20 Years on from the Earth Summit: Progress, gaps and strategic guidelines for Latin America and the Caribbean*,¹⁴ with the collaboration of all the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations working in the region,

Taking into particular consideration the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) entitled *The future we want*,¹⁵ in reference to the significant role which the United Nations regional commissions have to play in promoting a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development by facilitating institutional coherence and supporting the harmonization of development policies, plans and programmes,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to cooperate with the countries of the region in the implementation and follow-up of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, including the 2005 World Summit Outcome;

2. *Also requests* the secretariat, within the parameters of the existing resources, to convene a governmental meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean countries before the sixty-eighth session of

¹² General Assembly resolution 60/1.

¹³ LC/G.2460.

¹⁴ LC/L.3346/Rev.1.

¹⁵ A/CONF.216/L.1.

the General Assembly, to contribute to the regional debate on the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015 and sustainable development goals.

3. *Also requests* the secretariat to continue to coordinate the preparation of annual regional inter-agency reports on the progress made towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in the framework of the Regional Coordination Mechanism established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46.

**670(XXXIV) AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Reaffirming the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in September 1994, and the key actions for its further implementation; resolution 65/234 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations deciding to extend the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation beyond 2014; the United Nations Millennium Declaration of September 2000; and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,

Recalling that, in resolution 536(XXV), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean adopted, in 1994, the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, by virtue of which the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development was established with ultimate responsibility for monitoring and reviewing issues relating to population and development; that member States requested by virtue of resolution 644(XXXII) of 2008 that the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee should be extended by at least two days, owing to the added responsibilities assigned to it; and that the ordinary meetings of the Committee in 2010 and 2012 were therefore held independently of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions of the Commission,

Considering that the Committee is the body responsible for follow-up to the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, and the respective regional initiatives for its implementation, in particular the Brasilia Declaration adopted in 2007, and the San José Charter on the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean adopted at the Third Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in San José, from 8 to 11 May 2012,

Bearing in mind that, pursuant to resolution 615(XXXI) of 2006, the Committee was commissioned to monitor the issue of international migration and taking into account the provisions of paragraph 20 of the agreements adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee in 2010 and endorsed in resolution 657(XXXIII), according to which the agenda of the ordinary sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee should cover issues relating to indigenous peoples and Afro-descendent populations in Latin America,

Considering the agreements adopted at the meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development held in Quito, from 4 to 6 July 2012, entitled “Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean” and “Population, territory and sustainable development, and other priority activities”,

Emphasizing the importance of considering population factors in planning for sustainable development, in national public policies and in the proposals put forward by the Commission in the documents *Time for equality: closing gaps, opening trails*¹⁶ and *Structural Change for Equality: An integrated approach*,¹⁷

1. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will be renamed the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and endorses the other provisions set

¹⁶ LC/G.2432(SES.33/3).

¹⁷ LC/G.2524(SES.34/3).

forth in agreement 1 “Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean” adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee at its meeting held in Quito, from 4 to 6 July 2012;

2. *Welcomes* agreement 2 “Population, territory and sustainable development, and other priority activities” adopted at the same meeting of the Committee;

3. *Thanks* the United Nations Population Fund for its contribution to the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and for the support provided and for its commitment to continue supporting the work of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and requests the competent funds, programmes and specialized agencies to make their contributions, as appropriate, to the activities to be carried out by the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**671(XXXIV) SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 340(AC.66) of 25 January 1974, in which it directed that the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning should become a permanent institution of the Commission, with its own identity and with direct responsibility to the Executive Secretary of the Commission,

Reiterating its recognition to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning and its Presiding Officers for the valuable support they provide to the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning in terms of both guidance and regular financing,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning for their contributions to the regular system of Government funding, which provides financing for a large share of the Institute's programme of work;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the support provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Commission for the activities of the Institute and requests the Executive Secretary to continue to support its work with human and financial resources so that it may conduct its activities effectively;

3. *Reiterates* the recommendation that the Institute should strengthen its capacity as the body responsible for training within the system of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and should broaden the activities it conducts in that area in collaboration with the subregional headquarters, divisions of the Commission and other international institutions;

4. *Congratulates* the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and commends its work as the regional body par excellence in the generation and diffusion of knowledge and proposals on the role of the State in development processes and in improving planning and public administration taking into account the specific characteristics and needs of each country in the region;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Chief of the Institute to engage in a process of consultation and dialogue with national planning authorities with a view to identifying national, subregional and regional priorities in the area of development planning;

6. *Decides* to convene a meeting of the Regional Council for Planning during the second half of 2013.

672(XXXIV) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, which was endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978,

Bearing in mind the decisions adopted at the tenth meeting of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 5 to 9 May 1997, particularly decision 10/1B on the review of the progress made in the implementation of the strategy of new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries,

Considering that, insofar as technical cooperation in the field of science, technology and innovation is concerned, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has been cooperating systematically to facilitate inter-agency coordination among countries, international organizations and national offices in member countries that carry out technical cooperation projects in the field of science, technology and innovation,

Considering also that the key role played by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the region in recent years in facilitating and encouraging dialogue among representatives of the countries of the region, and in promoting the consolidation of institutions devoted to science, technology and innovation and to policies and regulatory frameworks for such activities,

Considering further the regional cooperation agreement on science and technology signed by a group of countries of the region at the joint meeting of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, held in Santiago on 12 November 2008, at which the role of the Economic Commission as technical secretariat was recognized and it was assigned responsibilities for the implementation of a range of activities, including ministerial meetings on science, technology and innovation matters and the School for Policymakers in Science, Technology and Innovation,

Recalling the principles and objectives set out in the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action adopted during the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Geneva in December 2003, and in the Tunis Commitment and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, adopted during the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Tunis in November 2005, with a view to contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 at the latest and to the promotion of social, economic and cultural development,

Recalling also the principles and objectives set forth in the Bávaro Declaration, adopted in the Dominican Republic in January 2003, and in the Rio de Janeiro Commitment and the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2007), adopted at the Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) in June 2005; the San Salvador Commitment and the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2010), adopted at the Second Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in San Salvador in February 2008; as well as the Lima Declaration and the Plan of Action for the Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2015) adopted at the Third Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Lima, from 21 to 23 November, 2010,

Recognizing the support function performed by the United Nations regional commissions in the implementation of the Plan of Action adopted in Geneva, especially as regards the contribution made by Governments and stakeholders to the promotion of information and communication technologies for development and as regards international and regional cooperation and the creation of an enabling environment,

Recognizing also the substantive contribution made by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in supporting the countries of the region in both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society and in building the information society in the region since 2000, including the valuable technical support provided for the Second and Third Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in 2008 and 2010, respectively,

Taking into account the need to promote cooperation in the spheres of science, technology, innovation and information and communications technologies,

Having examined the proposal for the establishment of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the proposed nature and the objectives of the Conference, as set forth in the annex to this resolution,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources;

- (a) To support the countries of the region in the formulation of national strategies and policies on science, technology and innovation that will underpin progress in knowledge appropriation and in the achievement of inclusive and sustainable development, by providing technical assistance, carrying out substantive studies and collaborating in the preparation of meetings, in accordance with its capacity and areas of competence;
- (b) To provide technical assistance for regional cooperation mechanisms in the field of science, technology and innovation by producing studies, statistics and substantive information on science, technology and innovation and on the information society, and on the related public policies, and to collaborate in the organization of technical meetings and ministerial meetings and their preparatory processes;
- (c) To offer the countries of the region support and advice in identifying the priorities for developing knowledge societies and in including those priorities in negotiations on the formulation of national and regional strategies;

2. *Approves* the establishment of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as one of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, as set forth in the annex to this resolution, along with the observations and suggestions included in the report of the thirty-fourth session;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit such proposals as may be necessary for the establishment of the Conference to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfilment of this resolution at the thirty-fifth session of the Commission.

Annex

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, INNOVATION
AND INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

I. Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

1. Nature

The Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean shall be a subsidiary body of ECLAC that will contribute to the progress of science, technology and innovation policies and activities in the countries of the region.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Conference shall be:

- (a) To promote the development and improvement of national policies on science, technology and innovation and those related to the progress of the information and knowledge society, bearing in mind the recommendations made by the specialized agencies and other relevant organizations;
- (b) To further international, regional, and bilateral cooperation among national offices and international and regional agencies to facilitate technology and knowledge transfer and joint activities in the field of science, technology and innovation;
- (c) To prepare a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities designed to meet the needs of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources.

3. Membership

The States members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will be members of the Conference.

4. Meetings of the Conference

The Conference shall hold its regular meetings every year. The Conference may accept an invitation from the Government of a member State to hold its regular meeting in that country.

5. Executive Committee

The Conference shall elect an Executive Committee in accordance with the regulations established by the Commission. The Chair of the Executive Committee shall also preside over the meetings of the Conference. The Executive Committee will be empowered to convene a special meeting in the interval between regular meetings.

6. *Secretariat*

The secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean shall serve as the secretariat for the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies. The secretariat shall make available to the Conference such documents and facilities as have been approved by Commission.

II. Executive Committee of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies

1. *Nature*

The Conference shall establish an Executive Committee to support it, as set forth in paragraph 4 below.

2. *Composition*

The Executive Committee shall be composed of a Chair and six members. Its members shall be elected from among the member countries of the Commission. Special attention shall be devoted to ensuring that the subregional groupings of countries are represented on the Committee.

3. *Election of the Executive Committee and duration of mandates*

At the beginning of each meeting of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies, the Chair of the Executive Committee, in consultation with the members of the Committee and of the Conference, shall draw up a proposal for the election of the next Executive Committee.

The newly elected Executive Committee shall take up its duties upon the conclusion of the regular meeting of the Conference at which it was elected and shall remain in office until the conclusion of the next regular meeting.

The members of the Executive Committee, including its Chair, shall be elected by the Conference at its regular meeting for a term of two years.

The members of the Executive Committee may be re-elected for three successive terms. The Chair may not be re-elected to that office for a second consecutive term but may be elected as a member of the Committee. Any member that has served on the Committee for three successive terms may be elected again once two years have elapsed since the end of that member's last mandate.

4. *Duties*

The Executive Committee shall have the following duties:

- (d) To carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies;
- (e) To prepare, every two years, a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for supporting policies on science, technology and innovation, to be submitted at the regular meeting;

- (f) To follow up on the implementation of the agreements adopted and the tasks assigned by the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies, particularly with respect to the biennial programme of activities referred to in paragraph 2(c) of section I;
- (g) To decide on the documentation required for its meetings.

5. Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once during the interval between regular sessions of the Conference. At the meeting preceding the next session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies, the Committee shall adopt a biennial programme of activities for the Conference, which shall be submitted to the Conference at its regular meeting.

The Executive Committee may invite to its meetings any countries or experts it considers may make a contribution to the fulfilment of its duties.

**673 (XXXIV) PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
FOR THE 2014-2015 BIENNIUM**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations concerning the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system and General Assembly resolution 66/233 and previous relevant resolutions regarding recurrent publications of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind also the Millennium Declaration, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session,¹⁸ the assessment of progress and pending tasks as identified by the secretariat of the Commission to facilitate its implementation in the region¹⁹ and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,²⁰

Bearing in mind further the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) from 20 to 22 June 2012 entitled “The future we want”,²¹

Taking into account the Report of the activities of the Commission from January 2020 to December 2011,²²

Taking into account also and the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015,²³ which was duly reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and will be reviewed by the United Nations General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session,

Bearing in mind the Report of the twenty-sixth session of the Committee of the Whole,²⁴ held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 28 March 2012, on which occasion the member States considered the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 presented by the Executive Secretary,

Having considered the outcomes and activities of the previous biennium and the proposed strategic framework and the work priorities for the Commission as set out by the Executive Secretary in her introduction to the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2014-2015,²⁵ which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, and which updates and reinforces the priorities endorsed by the Commission at its thirty-third session,

¹⁸ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

¹⁹ *The Millennium Development Goals: a Latin American and Caribbean perspective* (LC/G.2231-P), June 2005; *Millennium Development Goals 2006: a look at gender equality and empowerment of women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/G.2352-P), December 2007; *Millennium Development Goals. Progress towards the right to health in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/G.2634), August 2008, and *Millennium Development Goals: Advances in environmentally sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/G.2428-P), January 2010 and *Achieving the Millennium Development Goals with equality in Latin America and the Caribbean: Progress and challenges* (LC/G.2460), August 2010.

²⁰ See General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 24 October 2005.

²¹ A/CONF.216/L.1.

²² LC/G.2528(SES.34/7).

²³ A/67/16 (Prog. 18).

²⁴ LC/L.3487.

²⁵ LC/G.2526(SES.34/5).

Having considered also all aspects of the Draft programme of work, which deepens and enhances the results-based programming and management approach and proposes the creation of a new subprogramme on support for regional and subregional integration and cooperation processes and organizations,

Bearing in mind that the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2014-2015, as set forth by the Executive Secretary, which concentrates on the priorities of: (a) Improving macroeconomic stability and further enhancing policies that reduce vulnerability and mitigate the effects of economic and financial crises; (b) Strengthening the region's access to financing for development and enhancing the financial architecture at the global, regional and domestic levels; (c) Increasing the region's production potential and reducing productivity gaps to achieve convergence with a particular emphasis on innovation and new technologies; (d) Improving the region's position in the international economy through trade, regional integration and cooperation; (e) Promoting a social covenant between State, market and society, by putting equality at the heart of development to reduce social risks, and by reinforcing gender mainstreaming in public policies; (f) Enhancing sustainable development policies, boosting energy efficiency and addressing the impacts of climate change, bearing in mind and facilitating the outcome of the Rio+20 Summit; (g) Strengthening public management to enhance the role of the State in achieving integrated development; and (h) Improving institution-building related to the management of global and transboundary issues and the provision of public goods at the regional level,

1. *Adopts* the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the 2014-2015 biennium in its totality, including the creation of subprogramme 14, Support for regional and subregional integration and cooperation processes and organization, which, together with the revisions proposed and observations made in the discussions held in the plenary session and the guidance provided by the resolutions adopted at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, shall become the legislative mandate for the execution of programmes, projects and technical cooperation activities and for the production of the publications identified therein;

2. *Welcomes* the inclusion in the Commission's programme of work of subprogramme 14, which is aimed at supporting integration and cooperation processes and organizations through technical, substantive and logistical contributions, when the participation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean is required, with a view to facilitating debate, decision-making and consensus-building both within the region and beyond;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of redoubling the efforts of the Commission to strengthen national science, technology and innovation systems and to bolster measures to support structural change and industrial, fiscal and monetary policies for facilitating growth with a view to reducing gaps with respect to the developed world;

4. *Values and reaffirms* the importance of cooperation between the secretariat and the member States and of the participation and engagement of civil society in the implementation of the programme of work, in accordance with the rules and practices agreed internationally within the United Nations;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the allocation of the necessary resources for implementing the activities described in the programme of work to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;

6. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to make particular efforts to examine the challenges faced by the region in connection with the ongoing impacts of economic and financial crisis of

2008-2009 and related issues by undertaking specialized studies that will permit the provision of technical advisory services and the formulation of public policy options for dealing with such challenges;

7. *Notes with interest* that the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled *The Future we Want*, encourages the enhancement of the United Nations regional commissions and their subregional offices in their respective capacities to support Member States in implementing sustainable development;

8. *Notes with satisfaction* the Report on the activities of the Commission from January 2010 to December 2011 and underlines the wide-ranging outcomes achieved by the Commission in the different areas of work, commending especially its results-based approach and capacity to respond to the region's needs;

9. *Thanks* the Office of the Executive Secretary for its efforts to strengthen accountability and evaluation with a view to enhancing the effectiveness and relevance of the Commission to the benefit of the region's development, and encourages it to continue those efforts;

10. *Encourages* the Executive Secretary to continue the practice of convening the Committee of the Whole in the intervals between the sessions of the Commission in order to strengthen and broaden the dialogue between member States and the secretariat on issues deemed to be relevant;

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the progress made in implementing this resolution at the thirty-fifth session of the Commission.

674(XXXIV) REGIONAL DIMENSION OF DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recognizing that the regional dimension of development is critical for a coordinated and appropriate response to the increasingly significant number of challenges that transcend national boundaries, and considering that regional responses are increasingly relevant in the face of global crises,

Emphasizing the fact that the regional and subregional dimensions underpin effective global governance, since they act as a link between the global and national levels, particularly in the context of discussions for an integrated approach to sustainable development and for drawing up a development agenda beyond 2015,

Underscoring the role played historically by the Commission as a regional institution for Latin America and the Caribbean by virtue of its normative, analytical and dissemination functions and as a competent forum that shapes regional and subregional perspectives on global issues and builds consensus on issues crucial to the development of the region,

Highlighting the need for the Commission to participate in the debate on the development agenda beyond 2015, cooperate with the various forums established to study the issue, and convey the relevant regional perspective;

Taking into account the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) from 20 to 22 June 2012, "The future we want",²⁶ and the multiple processes it has triggered, such as the proposal on sustainable development objectives and means of implementation;

Bearing in mind that an initiative was presented on that occasion for advancing towards the adoption of a regional instrument for the effective implementation of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration in the region with support from the Commission in its capacity as technical secretariat;

Bearing in mind also General Assembly resolution 66/246, which addresses issues relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, with special reference to regional cooperation for development,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to respond urgently and appropriately to the strategic challenges arising from the various activities being undertaken to define the development agenda beyond 2015, taking into account the needs and priorities of the Latin American and Caribbean region;
2. *Recognizes* the need for the Commission to enlist the immediate support of the relevant bodies to enhance its capacity to tackle the new strategic challenges;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to ensure the strategic coordination of the United Nations system at the regional level in support of integration efforts, through the Regional Coordination Mechanism and in consultation with other regional and subregional organizations;
4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report at its thirty-fifth session on the status of implementation

²⁶ A/CONF.216/L.1.

675 (XXXIV) SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Considering Economic and Social Council draft resolution of 25 July 2012,²⁷ which reaffirms the importance of remaining fully engaged in ensuring proper and effective follow-up to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development as reaffirmed in the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development,

Bearing in mind that the Declaration recalls the role played by the United Nations as a focal point for follow-up regarding financing for development and the need to ensure the continuity and momentum of that process, and reaffirming the need to further intensify the engagement of all stakeholders,

Recalling the document *Framework of operational guidelines on United Nations support to South-South and triangular cooperation*²⁸, prepared for the seventeenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, which was held from 22 to 25 May 2012,

Highlighting the contents of the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, held from 1 to 3 December 2009, in which the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, as well as the regional commissions, were requested to assist developing countries in establishing or strengthening existing South-South centres of excellence, within their respective areas of competence, and to promote closer cooperation among such centres of excellence, especially at the regional and interregional levels, with a view to improving South-South knowledge-sharing, networking, mutual capacity-building, information and best practices exchanges, policy analysis and coordinated action among developing countries on major issues of common concern,

Recalling paragraph 44 of the document *Consideration of reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme*,²⁹ prepared by the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, which states that the proliferation of South-South cooperation programmes and activities across the United Nations system points to the need to move from fragmented and ad hoc reporting to more systematic, standard and comprehensive reporting mechanisms and to the need for improved quality of data and analysis in particular, in the planning, programming, reporting and monitoring of South-South cooperation activities,

Bearing in mind the Brasilia Consensus, adopted at the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, in particular the agreements relating to promotion of women's autonomy and gender equality,

1. *Takes note of* the report entitled *Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support South-South cooperation during the biennium 2010-2011*;³⁰
2. *Welcomes* the document presented by the Commission entitled *Middle-income countries: A structural-gap approach. Note by the secretariat*³¹ and, in the framework of the recommendations set

²⁷ E/2012/L.26.

²⁸ SSC/17/3.

²⁹ SSC/17/2.

³⁰ LC/G.2531(SES.34/10).

forth therein, requests the Office of the Executive Secretary to support the countries in the preparation of their own studies, facilitate their dissemination across the international community and promote a specific debate at the regional intergovernmental level to enrich the conclusions of the document;

3. *Reaffirms* the validity of resolution 647(XXXIII) of 2010 and requests the Executive Secretary to:
 - (i) Prepare, as soon as possible, a set of indicators for measuring the economic and social impact of South-South cooperation in the region, for analysis and consideration by the member countries, without prejudice to the qualities typical of this form of cooperation for development, and bearing in mind the progress achieved under the Ibero-American Programme to Strengthen South-South Cooperation of the Ibero-American Secretariat;
 - (ii) Continue to promote and facilitate capacity-building in the institutions responsible for international cooperation, in light of the requirements and needs of the member countries, with special emphasis on generating disaggregated quantitative information with a gender perspective (statistics and information systems) and particular reference to age groups (children, adolescents, young people and older person), people living in and vulnerable to poverty, the differently abled, persons belonging to Afro-descendent peoples of Latin America or to ethnic groups, and other relevant variables, for inclusion in cooperation instruments and mechanisms, as tools for measuring the economic and social impact of international cooperation in formulating public policies for development;
4. *Requests* the Chair of the Committee, together with the Presiding Officers and the Office of the Executive Secretary, to prepare a proposal for coordinating efforts with the various entities that currently deal with this issue in Latin America and the Caribbean, in order to generate synergies and complementarities and avoid duplication of efforts, and to incorporate in the Committee's work agenda the schedule of the different forums and cooperation events to be held in the second half of 2012 as well as a general coordination meeting to take place during the first half of 2013;
5. *Also requests* the Chair of the Committee, in conjunction with the Presiding Officers and the Office of the Executive Secretary, to prepare a draft road map for promoting measures in support of the economic, political and physical autonomy of women in accordance with the provisions of the Quito Consensus³² and also including the social dimension and the effort to combat all forms of discrimination, bearing in mind the special characteristics and potential of South-South cooperation;
6. *Asks* the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfilment of this South-South resolution at the meeting of the South-South Committee which will be held in the framework of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission.

³¹ LC/G.2532(SES.34/11).

³² LC/G.2361(CRM.10/8).